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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TITO TRIP TO CUBA AND MEXICO

REF: BELGRADE 6705

1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ALL POINTS YOU HAVE RAISED IN REFTTEL AT LUNCHEON DECEMBER 22 WITH MILICEVIC. YOU SHOULD PREFACE THEM WITH TONE OF STRONGEST US INDIGNATION OVER YUGOSLAV COLLUSION IN FUELING SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLAN CIVIL STRIFE BY PERMITTING CONTINUED SOVIET OVER-FLIGHTS OF YUGOSLAV AIR SPACE WITH ARMS AND MUNITIONS DESTINED TO BOLSTER POSITION OF MINORITY FACTION (MPLA), ALONG LINES INSTRUCTIONS BEING TRANSMITTED TO YOU IN SEPTTEL FOR USE IN EARLY DEMARCHE.

2. YOU SHOULD PARTICULARLY ASK MILICEVIC HOW YUGOSLAVIA CAN SQUARE ITS VAUNTED POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT WITH ITS BLATANT SUPPORT OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IS A DISTANT CORNER OF AFRICA, CONTRARY TO THE POSITION OF THE OAU.

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3. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT TITO'S CHIEF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN CUBA MIGHT BE TO CONVINCE CASTRO OF DAMAGE HIS ANGOLAN INTERVENTION HAS DONE TO HIS IMAGE IN LATIN AMERICA AND SETBACK IT HAS MEANT IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH US.

4. YOU SHOULD TELL MILICEVIC THAT SUCH PARTISAN SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET POLICY OF FOMENTING AN ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR CANNOT BUT HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON YUGOSLAVIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US.

5. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THAT YOU ARE STRESSING USG DETERMINATION YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT US POSITION:

A. WE SEEK NOTHING IN ANGOLA EXCEPT AN END TO THE FIGHTING, A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PERMITTING THE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF ALL THREE MOVEMENTS IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT AND AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

B. THE US HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE OAU POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OAU MEMBERS AND WOULD LIKE TO ENLIST THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOVIETS, YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS. BUT U.S. CANNOT ACCEPT AN ANGOLA GOVERNMENT IMPOSED BY A MINORITY GROUP PROPPED UP BY SOVIET ARMS AND CUBAN TROOPS.

C. WE WOULD WELCOME CONSTRUCTIVE YUGOSLAV PROPOSALS AS TO HOW WE CAN SETTLE A MATTER WHICH THREATENS TO HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IN AFRICA AND IN OUR RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. KISSINGER

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